South Carolina Calvert Academy

3700 Forest Drive

Columbia, SC 29204

2015

South Carolina
State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	K-8 Elementary	**Principal:**	Alexandria Gillcrese
Enrollment:	241 students	**Superintendent:**	Wayne Brazell, Ph.D.
School Phone:	803-462-0254	**Board Chair:**	Warren Engle
School Website:	http://southcarolinacalvertacademy.com		

Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

• Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness

• Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

• Creativity and innovation

• Critical thinking and problem solving

• Collaboration and teamwork

• Communication, information, media and technology

• Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

• Integrity

• Self-direction

• Global perspective

• Perseverance

• Work ethic

• Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.
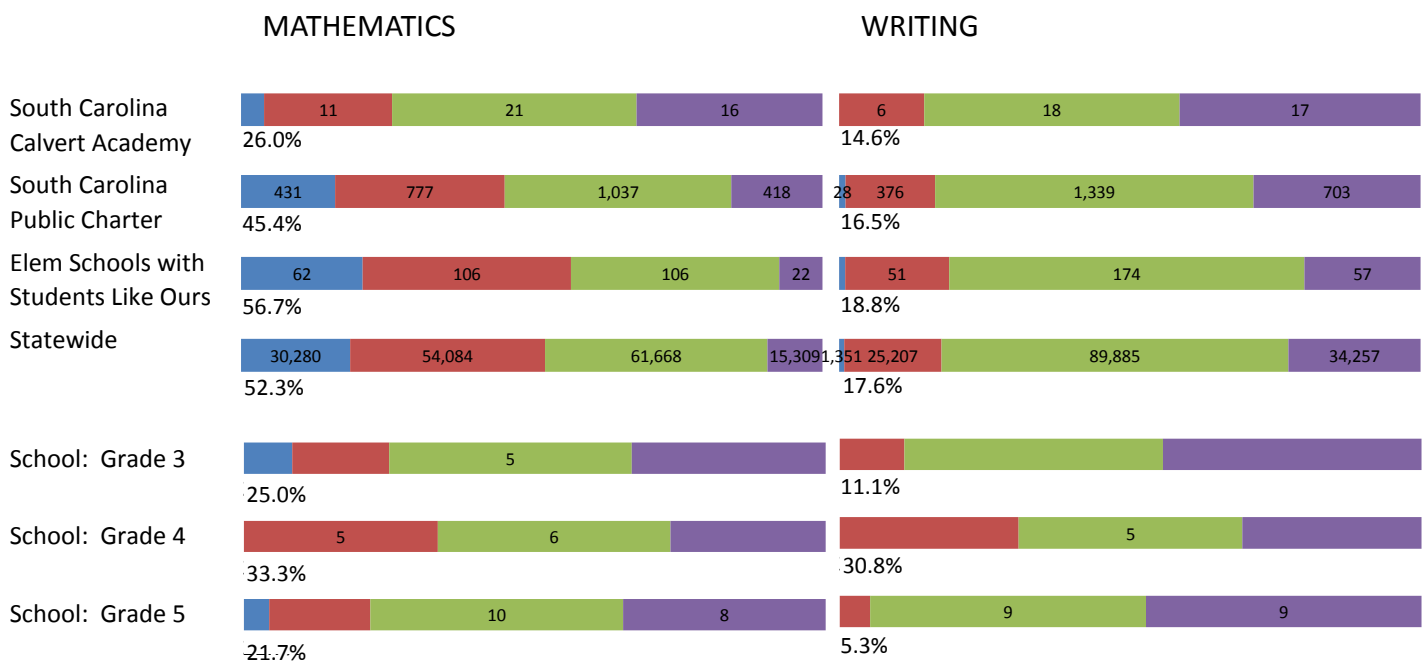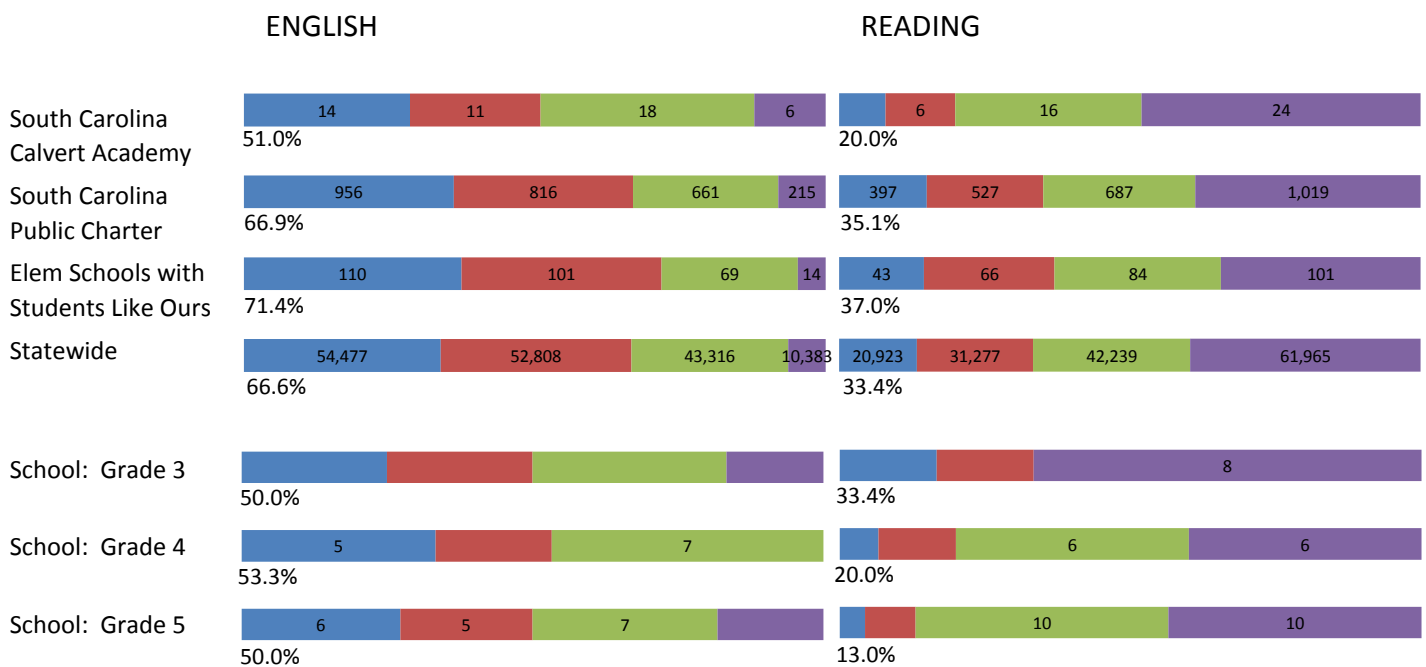
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by …

South Carolina Calvert Academy (SCCAL) is pleased to serve South Carolina families with K-8 students through our innovative virtual charter school. South Carolina Calvert provides a choice for parents who want to be more directly involved in their child's education. Our school is designed for families seeking a flexible, personalized education for their children which is custom-tailored to their individual family needs. The foundation of the South Carolina Calvert Academy is the world-renowned Calvert curriculum which has been successfully used to educate over 600,000 students for more than a century. South Carolina Calvert Academy continues to grow and expand. The South Carolina Calvert Academy virtual learning community consists of highly-qualified teachers, school administrators, parents, and students. SCCAL provides a user friendly Education Management System (EMS) to help students monitor coursework, view grades, and track attendance. With a ratio of 1 to 28, live classes for our students are taught by our highly qualified teachers. The classes are interactive, technologically advanced, and aligned with SC state standards. Students who qualify under IDEA or 504 are properly served according to their individual plans. Monthly educational field trips also provide our students with the opportunity to interact with the faculty and fellow classmates. SC Calvert is excited about the newly implemented Saturday Academy for enrolled students. Increasing standardized test scores continue to be a point of focus, as South Carolina Calvert Academy helps families, students, and South Carolina achieve academic excellence. SCCAL does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in the employment or provision of services. Alexandria Gillcrese, Principal Pauline Sternick, Board Chair

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing

ENGLISH

South Carolina Calvert Academy	14	11	18	6
51.0%				
South Carolina Public Charter	956	816	661	215
66.9%				
Elem Schools with Students Like Ours	110	101	69	14
71.4%				
Statewide	54,477	52,808	43,316	10,383
66.6%				
School: Grade 3				
50.0%				
School: Grade 4	5		7	
53.3%				
School: Grade 5	6	5	7	
50.0%				

READING

South Carolina Calvert Academy		6	16	24
20.0%				
South Carolina Public Charter	397	527	687	1,019
35.1%				
Elem Schools with Students Like Ours	43	66	84	101
37.0%				
Statewide	20,923	31,277	42,239	61,965
33.4%				
School: Grade 3				8
33.4%				
School: Grade 4			6	6
20.0%				
School: Grade 5			10	10
13.0%				

MATHEMATICS

South Carolina Calvert Academy		11	21	16
26.0%				
South Carolina Public Charter	431	777	1,037	418
45.4%				
Elem Schools with Students Like Ours	62	106	106	22
56.7%				
Statewide	30,280	54,084	61,668	15,309
52.3%				
School: Grade 3			5	
25.0%				
School: Grade 4		5	6	
33.3%				
School: Grade 5			10	8
21.7%				

WRITING

South Carolina Calvert Academy		6	18	17
14.6%				
South Carolina Public Charter	28	376	1,339	703
16.5%				
Elem Schools with Students Like Ours		51	174	57
18.8%				
Statewide	1,351	25,207	89,885	34,257
17.6%				
School: Grade 3				
11.1%				
School: Grade 4			5	
30.8%				
School: Grade 5		9	9	
5.3%				

ACT Readiness Levels

Results for groups with 4 or fewer students are not shown

Exceeding — Ready — Close — In Need of Support

1872   342   256

76%

% Exceeding and Ready   Student Counts

Abbreviations for Missing Data

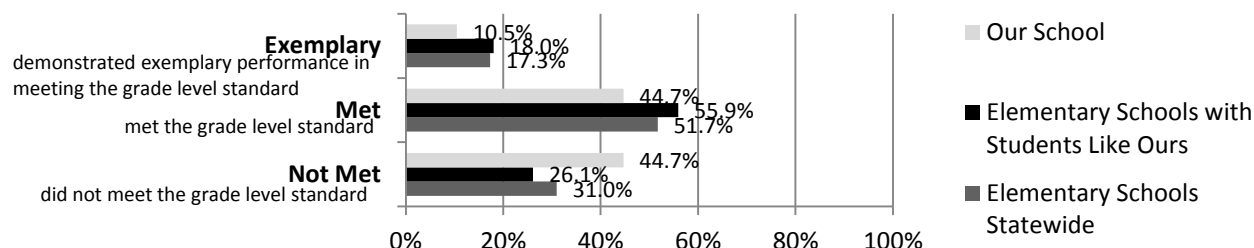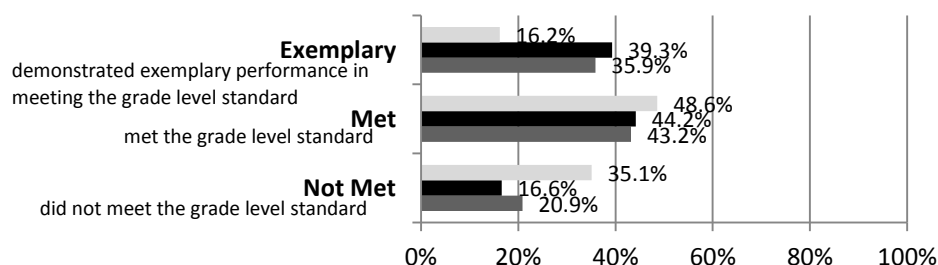N/A-Not Applicable   N/AV-Not Available   N/C-Not Collected   N/R-Not Reported   I/S-Insufficient Sample

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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science

Exemplary
demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard
- 10.5%
- 18.0%
- 17.3%

Met
met the grade level standard
- 44.7%
- 55.9%
- 51.7%

Not Met
did not meet the grade level standard
- 44.7%
- 26.1%
- 31.0%

Legend:
- ☐ Our School
- ■ Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours
- ▨ Elementary Schools Statewide

Social Studies

Exemplary
demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard
- 16.2%
- 39.3%
- 35.9%

Met
met the grade level standard
- 48.6%
- 44.2%
- 43.2%

Not Met
did not meet the grade level standard
- 35.1%
- 16.6%
- 20.9%

Science SCPASS	
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
66.7	47.8
Social Studies SCPASS	
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
73.3	59.1

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary — **"Exemplary"**: student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met — **"Met"**: student met the grade level standard.

Not Met — **"Not Met"**: student did not meet the grade level standard.

Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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OPPORTUNITIES

For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 241)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	63.2	Down from 72.9%	N/A
Attendance Rate	96.7	Up from 94.6%	95.9
With disabilities	3.8	Down from 8.9%	11.7
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	0.0	No change	8.9
Percentage of students retained	0.8	No change	0.9
Teachers (n = 10)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	70.0	Down from 72.7%	63.8
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	70.0	Up from 45.5%	84.2
Teachers returning from previous year	54.1	Up from 38.7%	89.3
Teacher attendance rate	98.7	Up from 97.5%	94.8
Average teacher salary*	$38,638	Up 3.8%	$49,882
Professional development days / teacher	8.2 days	Up from 1.6 days	11.5 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	10.0	N/A	0.3
School			
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.1 to 1	Up from 28.4 to 1	20.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.0	Up from 91.9%	89.6
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	No	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 24.3%	100.0
Character development program	Poor	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	N/A	N/A	13.8
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	N/A	N/A	19.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	>100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.0	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.1	N/C	1.8
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	17.9	Up from 12.8%	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,428	Up 800.3%	$7,473
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	36.8	Up from 27.5%	67.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	66.2	Up from 56.3%	68.1

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	12	9	26
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0	I/S	100.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	66.7	I/S	87.5
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0	I/S	100.0

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade and their parents were included.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Below Average	Below Average
2013	At-Risk	Below Average
2012	Below Average	Below Average

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards
2014-15 Accountability Manual
Report Card Data Files
ESEA Data Files

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